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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-185313. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application and in corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,322,384.

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2. Japanese Patent Application No. 3257994. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 59 of the specification of the present application and in corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,350,138.
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4. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-020752. The relevance of this document is discussed in the enclosed English-language abstract.
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6. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-203936. The relevance of this document is discussed in corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,458,499.

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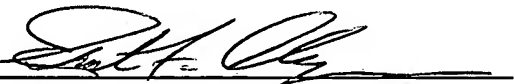
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